

Kuwani language

Kuwani is a poorly attested Papuan language of the Bird's Head Peninsula of New Guinea. It is attested only from a single word list, and even its exact location is unknown.^[1]

Comparison

Smits and Voorhoeve (1998) assumed it to be equivalent to Kalabra, but there are significant lexical differences.^[2] Some lexical differences between Kuwani and Kalabra are given below.^[3]

gloss	Kuwani	Kalabra
'ear'	indibit	difitlas
'eye'	inzibun	sifogo
'hand'	owani	defo
'1sg'	tetike	tet

Kuwani	
Native to	Indonesia
Region	West Papua
Language family	West Papuan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bird's Head ▪ West Bird's Head ▪ Kuwani
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	None (mis)
Linguist List	qqz (http://multitree.org/codes/qqz)
Glottolog	None

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